



## **AUTOMATION ENHANCEMENT FEE**

DPS is finally in a position to implement the development of a new permitting system which will allow off-site inquiries, electronic plan submission, 24 hour remote inspection requests, and inspection scheduling. This regulation implements a 10% "automation surcharge" to be assessed on every permit and license which the department issues. This revenue is targeted for the replacement of the current permit system, and subsequent licensing requirements. The fee will remain in effect until the cost of the new system has been completely paid. At that time, automation modernization and licensing costs will be included in the calculation of routine costs and reflected in the regular fee schedules.

We hope that this information is helpful. We have begun charging the new fees on all applications for permits and licenses which are accepted on or after July 1, 1998.

If you would like a copy of the new schedule of fees, they are available in our offices.